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Regalism Reigns at Prom; College Vote Names Queen

Pomp and Circumstance will be the theme of the senior prom to be held next Saturday evening in the college gym from 9 to 12. Jimmy Smith's orchestra from Cedar Rapids will provide the music for the formal dance.

Decorations are planned to carry out a royalty theme to highlight the crowning of the prom queen at 11 o'clock.

Queen candidates, selected by the senior class, are Wanda Funk, Chicago; Sue Turnis, Bernard; Elaine Mraz, Cedar Rapids; Josefina Sagel, David, Panama, and Bernice Stark, Cedar Rapids.

A secret all-college vote Monday will determine the queen but her identity will not be revealed until coronation time.

Directs Plans

General chairman of the dance is Maurita Brady, senior class president. Wanda Funk heads the decoration committee. She is assisted by Nita Allman, Betty Barrett, Patricia Condon, Patricia Conway, Carol DeRoo, Peggy Dillon, Jackie Fu, Sue Gillespie, Gerry Hanten, Bev Poire and Jacqueline Schmitt.

Des Moines Senior Wins Federation Scholarship

Elizabeth Flynn, senior at St. Joseph Academy, Des Moines, has been named the winner of the Clarke scholarship offered annually by the National Federation of BVM Alumni. Valued at \$1600 the scholarship was awarded on the basis of results in the College Entrance Examination.

Second place in the tests was taken by Judy Howeter, also from St. Joseph Academy. She is the sister of Mary Jo Howeter Gannon '55. Barbara Bilek, senior at Our Lady of Peace High School in St. Paul, Minn., placed third. Both girls will receive tuition scholarships.

Patricia Beaty is in charge of erecting the queen's throne and planning the crowning ceremony. On her committee are Carol Splear, Maureen A. Sullivan, Molly Rater, Mary Jane Thornton and Sue Turnis.

Designs Bids

Bids were designed to harmonize with the general theme. Chairman of the bid committee is Mary Cosgrove. Her assistants are Anna Mae Weber, La Nora Ohnmacht, Peggy Dillon, Ann Hauser, Andrea Sproule and Kathy Au-Young.

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Parents of all seniors have been invited to chaperone the prom.

Shirley Blood Is Named To Edit 1957-58 Courier

Shirley Blood, junior from Cedar Rapids, has been appointed editor of the Courier for next year.

Miss Blood, English major and journalism minor, has served as assistant editor of the Courier and co-editor of the Labarum in her junior year.

The rest of the editorial staff will be announced at a later date. They will take over their positions in September.

Sunday Program Features Seniors In Drama, Music

Dolores McWilliams, soprano, Katherine Au-Young, pianist, and Yvonne McElroy, reader, will be presented in their senior recital Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in Terence Donaghoe hall.

To open the program Miss McWilliams will sing Handel's My Beloved and Weckerlin's Counsel to Nina. Jeanette Hogan will be her accompanist.

An original adaptation of the scene at the trial of Joan of Arc from The Lark by Anouilh will be given by Miss McElroy.

Miss McWilliams will return to the stage to sing After a Dream, by Faure, and Weathers, by Dougherty.

Miss Au-Young will close the program with her interpretation of Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 53. She will play all three movements: Allegro con brio, adagio molto, and allegretto moderato.

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Alumnae Receive Seniors In Ceremony Saturday

Seniors will be received into the Clarke College Alumnae association Saturday noon, May 18. The ceremony will take place in the drawing room of Mary Frances Clarke hall.

Officially receiving the girls and welcoming them into the association will be Mrs. Henry J. Pohlman, Dubuque, national president, and Mrs. Charles Carroll, Chicago, first vice-president.

Seven daughters of alumnae will be among those received. They are Patricia Conway, Peggy Dillon, Ann Hauser, Molly Rater, Tori Rhomberg, Bernice Stark and Maureen Sullivan.

Following the reception ceremony, graduates will be entertained by the alumnae at a luncheon at Leiser's Gardens.

Moderators Name Judges For Writing, Art Contests

Judges for the annual writing contests sponsored by The Labarum and The Courier have been named by the publication advisers. Winners will be announced at the honors convocation on May 16.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Freidl, director of public relations at Loras, will select the winners of the Colonel Wallace A. Mead Editorial awards. These awards were established by Mrs. Wallace Mead of San Francisco, mother of a Clarke graduate, in honor of her husband.

Judges Essays

Judging the essay entries will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Green, editor of The Witness, Dubuque diocesan newspaper. The Rev. Raymond Roseliep, professor of English at Loras, will name the winner of the poetry prize. The best short story will be chosen by Mrs. Grace Boehner, dean of women at the University of Dubuque.

The literary awards are made possible through a bequest of the late Mary Blake Finan, Clarke graduate.

Entries in the art contest sponsored by the college art department will be

Faculty, Seniors Select Honor Society Groups

Ten seniors have been named to national honor societies and will be awarded membership keys at Clarke's annual honors convocation May 16.

Chosen by a combined faculty and senior vote, six seniors will join the Rho chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, national scholastic honor society for students of Catholic colleges and universities. New members are Katherine Au-Young, Maurita Brady, Patricia Conway, Geraldine Hanten, Shirley Mohr and Carol Splear.

Miss Au-Young and Miss Conway were also elected in a faculty vote to membership in Kappa Gamma Pi, national honor and activity society of Catholic women's colleges. Other new members are Nita Allman, Mary Cosgrove and Ann McDermott.

Geraldine Hanten and Elaine Mraz were eligible for election to Delta Mu Theta, national Catholic music honor society.

Limit Membership

Membership in each society is limited to 10 per cent of the graduating class. In addition, Kappa Gamma Pi requires a 3.4 average for eligibility and the other two societies require a 3.00 average.

A biology major from Lead, S. Dak., Nita Allman has held mem-

Classes Entertain At Farewell Parties

Seniors will be guests of the freshman class at an informal party in the activity room of Mary Frances Clarke hall after College Day activities May 16. Mary Carroll, general chairman, is making plans for the party and for the program which will be on the terrace.

Committee chairmen are Joann Gannon, refreshments; Mary Alice McEachran, habilitation; Felice Lownik, entertainment; Jo Ann McGarry, invitations; Nancy Frommelt, escorts; Carol Pearce, rehabilitation.

Juniors will entertain the seniors May 22, according to Nancy Cant, president of the junior class. In charge of the various committees are Karen Morrow, program; Virginia Hofer, gifts; Carole Kintzel, refreshments; Maureen P. Sullivan, habilitation, and Jane Nielson, rehabilitation.

Randall Thompson's Rosemary, an unaccompanied setting of four lyrics from Stephen Vincent Benet's Tiger Joy, will make up the second part of the program.

The final group of numbers will be Evening in a Garden by Paladible, Holiday Song by William Schuman, the Waring Girls Choir arrangement of Green Sleeves and Holiday for Strings by David Rose.

Former Faculty Member Names Clarke in Will

A bequest to Clarke College is included in the will of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. Schulte, Cedar Rapids, who died Apr. 17. Monsignor Schulte taught in the Clarke history and philosophy departments from 1942 to 1951.

Part of Monsignor Schulte's outstanding book collection has been added to the Clarke library. The college also received his grand piano which is now in the solarium of Margaret Mann hall.

In addition, the will provided a trust fund to help young people obtain advanced education. Thirty per cent of the trust is to aid graduates of Immaculate Conception school in Cedar Rapids to study at Clarke College. Another 30 per cent is for students preparing for the priesthood at Loras.



Potential Queens of the senior prom are, left to right, Josefina Sagel, David, Panama; Bernice Stark, Cedar Rapids; Sue Turnis, Bernard; Wanda Funk, Franklin Park, Ill.; Elaine Mraz, Cedar Rapids.

Not Snow, Sleet Nor Storm Stops Clarke Postmistress

By Shirley Blood

Her company doesn't award watches, diamond rings or plaques to its 20-year "employees" but as postmistress of Clarke college for the past 20 years, Sister Mary Rachel, BVM, has truly given the devoted service of the proverbial post-office employee.

One of the few nun postmistresses in the nation, Sister Mary Rachel was appointed in 1937 to this position by Sister Mary Antonia, superior. She thus holds the distinction of being the first postmistress of the first postal station at Clarke college.

At that time, when she was a biology teacher here, Sister was approved by the government and bonded, not under her religious name, but under her lay name. As Sister Mary Rachel she wasn't allowed to work for Uncle Sam.

Recalls Old Days

Sister smiles as she thinks of the 11:30 rush for mail now. Mail-call before the days of Clarke's postoffice, didn't occur until the evening study hall (obligatory) which was from 6 to 8 p.m.

What were the college's mail regulations like in 1937? Sister Mary Rachel remembers when letters were censored — literally censored. Each girl had to submit her letters to the prefect of her class (equivalent to adviser) and she in turn would check the spelling, vocabulary and grammar. If they didn't meet up with specifications, a rewrite job was in order. Thus each letter was a rhetoric lesson.

The girls' correspondents were also screened. Parents sent the college a list of people with whom their daughter might correspond. She could write to, and be written to, by these people only.

There's a Funny Side

Some humorous incidents are recalled by Sister Mary Rachel. During World War II a soldier wrote letters to his mother and his friend at Clarke but used such thin paper that the two envelopes stuck together and were both delivered to Clarke. Sister Mary Rachel often wondered what the mother thought when she received a letter postmarked Dubuque from her son in Japan.

The post mistress also remembers the girl who sent her laundry case home but forgot to reverse the name-card from the previous time. A few days later the self-addressed laundry-

case came back, duly processed through the Dubuque postoffice.

Postoffice work is enjoyable, Sister relates, but it has its confusing aspects: namely, names. There are some that look alike, or are spelled alike, or — are alike. In the first category, for instance, are the names Ruth Ann Buenker and Ruth Ann Beuster, Pat Haskins and Pat Hawks, and Joan and Joann O'Malley.

With "spell-a-likes" there's Jean,

Pat and Sharon Ryan (unrelated) besides the three O'Connors — Margaret,

Karen and Mary Jo. Most confusing,

however, are the duplicate names,

such as the two Maureen Sullivans

and the two Mary Kerns, which have to be distinguished by the middle initial.

Has Several Titles

"Postmistress" is not the only title Sister Mary Rachel holds. She is also "notary public." This title authorizes her to witness legal signatures. It requires another bond and means more duties, such as witnessing the signatures on absentee ballots.

But no matter what her job, Sister is known to Clarkites by one name — Sister Mary Postoffice.



Special Delivery

to Shirley Blood, Cedar Rapids, newly appointed editor of The Courier, goes an interview with Sister Mary Rachel, BVM, who this month celebrates her 20th anniversary as Clarke's postmistress.

Class Queens To Officiate At Campus Ceremonies

Four queens will reign at coronation ceremonies honoring the Blessed Virgin Sunday afternoon, May 19, at 2 p.m. The Chapel of the Sacred Heart and three outdoor shrines will be the scenes of the class crowning.

Ruth Ann Beuster, freshman from Kewanee, Ill., will crown the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes at the grotto on back campus. Her attendants will be Joan Long, Marie Hart, Rosemary McGuirk and Beth Brown.

Officiates at Soph Shrine
Sophomores elected Cecil Lee, Seoul, Korea, to place the crown on the statue of Our Lady of the Moonlight on the campus of Rose O'Toole hall. In attendance will be Sue Sullivan, Mary Ann Ludwig, Louise Schuster and Donna Claeys.

Junior queen Kathy Garner, Chicago, will crown the statue of Our Lady of the Sunset on the campus behind Mary Frances Clarke hall.

Chosen as her attendants are Barbara Duffy, Margaret Kuhn, Carol Nilles and Roseanne Vitullo.

Prefect Crowns

Climax of the crowning will come when Carol Splear, sodality prefect from Pontiac, Ill., officiates at the senior ceremony in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart.

Elected as attendants to Miss Splear were Eileen Schmitt, Joan O'Malley, Sue Gillespie and Betty Barrett.

The Rev. Clarence W. Friedman, college chaplain, will officiate at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart following the senior coronation ceremony.

Chairman of the class shrines are Bernice Stark, senior; Carol Nilles, junior; Cecil Lee, sophomore, and Mary Alice McEachran, freshman.

Buenker Wins Top Prize In Witness Story Contest

Ruth Buenker, sophomore English major, from Des Moines, took a first place prize of \$50 in the short story contest sponsored by The Witness, Dubuque diocesan newspaper. Her winning entry, "The Pink Tea Set," appeared in the May 2 issue of the paper.

Third place in the college division went to Mona Putnam, sophomore English major from St. Paul, Minn., for "A Morning Sacrifice."

Both stories were written for The Labarum. Miss Buenker's was printed in the spring issue and Miss Putnam's will appear in the forthcoming issue.

Honor Societies

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ian Circle. Her mother, Katherine Dunn Conway, is a Clarke graduate.

Mary Cosgrove, a Dubuquer, is a foods and nutrition major and a science minor. She is a member of The Courier staff and represented her class for two years on the Student Affairs Forum. She served as Tuckpointer for two years and is a member of the college orchestra and the Home Economics club.

Heads Cecilian Circle
Geraldine Hanten, also from Dubuque, has a major in music and minors in English and history. She is president of the Cecilian Circle and a member of the Student Affairs Forum, the Mixed chorus and the college orchestra. Last year she received the Aurelia Sullivan Music award.

Ann McDermott, Waterloo, has served as chairman of the student Public Relations board for the past two years. A biology major and chemistry minor, she has been accepted for a medical technology internship at the Minneapolis General hospital. She is a member of the Biology Forum.

Holds Federation Award

An English major from Clinton, Shirley Mohr entered Clarke as the winner of the BVM Federation scholarship. She served as a Tuckpointer for two years and organized the Young Republican club on the campus last year. Miss Mohr is a member of the Press club, Student Education association and the Social Science club.

Sodality prefect Carol Splear is a biology major and chemistry minor from Pontiac, Ill. Junior May queen last year, she will reign again this year in the all-school coronation ceremony. Miss Splear holds membership in the Biology Forum, the sodality and the Women's Athletic association. She has been accepted for a medical technology internship at the Tripler Army hospital in Hawaii.

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Tuckpointers Choose Blake For Chairman

Mary Catherine Blake was elected Tuckpointer chairman for next year at a meeting of the newly appointed members Tuesday. Miss Blake is a drama major from Munster, Ind.

Tuckpointers, the popular name for Clarkites who form the Student Committee on Freshman Orientation, were named last week by Maureen Sullivan, present chairman.

Incoming seniors who will serve as Tuckpointers are Diana Borst, Barbara Duffy, Judy Hess, Patricia Holmes, Mary Kern, Martha Schaub, Sharon Waldron, Mary Clare Weber and Maureen Sullivan.

Junior Tuckpointers will be Ruth Buenker, Donna Claeys, Sue Coffey, Judy Conway, Margaret Crane, Mary Dougherty, Jean Hochstatter, Eileen Lavery, Deedee Lynch, Mary Ann Ludwig, Margaret Monahan, Patricia Oberembt, Marilyn Peters, Mona Putnam, Carol Ullius, Mary Jo Wolfe, Carol Chambers, Mellita Hanten, Bette Lange, Maura Maloy, Deanne Murphy, Louise Schuster and Marian Wolters.

Selected from the freshman class are Agnes Angerer, Jody Broderick, Katherine Cassidy, Clarenne Colucci, Carole Craighead, Joyce Crampton, Meredith Cutler, Sheila Dempsey, Donna Droney, Audrey Engles, Margaret Fiewiger, Bernadette Flury, Nancy Gardette, Kay Grennan.

Also Marie Hart, Mary Eileen Hood, Mary Houlihan, Joanne Jolin, Judy LeMay, Phyllis Nickels, Joanne O'Malley, Patricia Price, Mary Brigid Powers, Mel Sanders, Mary Sears, Diana Seaton, Barbara Teschner, Connie Wendler, Celine Wolfe, Beth Brown, Martha Kolch and Jeanne Ryan.

Honors Convocation Is on Schedule For College Day

College Day activities next Thursday will include the annual honors convocation which is scheduled for 2:15 in Terence Donaghoe hall. At this time new SLC officers will be installed and outstanding students will be honored.

The traditional day will open with high Mass in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart celebrated by the Rev. Clarence W. Friedman, chaplain. Speaker will be the Rev. James Barta, a graduate of Loras college now at St. Wenceslaus church, Cedar Rapids.

Tree planting will take place on the campus at 10:30 a.m. Mistress of ceremonies will be Geraldine Hanten.

Formal dinner for faculty and students will be at 6 p.m. in the college dining hall.

The symbolic torch-passing ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. on the front campus of Mary Frances Clarke hall. Leaders of classes, clubs and other organizations will pass the torch of authority to their successors.

Seniors will present their farewell program in Terence Donaghoe hall at 8:30 p.m. Script-writers are Maggie Schlink and Molly Rater. Yvonne McElroy will direct.

Summer Theatre Group Signs Barbara Bernoudy

Barbara Bernoudy, junior drama major, will sing through the summer again this year as a result of auditions held in Kansas City for the Starlight Theatre association. She was one of the nine women selected for the vocal ensemble for the famed outdoor summer theatre.

Miss Bernoudy's professional career began last year when she signed a summer contract with the association. She took part in 10 musicals, singing with the chorus and playing minor roles.

Each year the Starlight Theatre association invites men and women to audition for the vocal ensembles. All principal roles in the shows are filled by New York or Hollywood stars, but chorus members have the opportunity of filling minor roles or taking bit parts.

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